

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound, ~~characterized in that it is~~ selected from the group consisting of:

~~-4,4'-dithiobis~~ -4,4'-dithiobis(sodium 3-aminobutane-1-sulfonic acid), pharmaceutically acceptable salts and solvates thereof; -4,4'-dithiobis (2,2 dimethylpropyl)-3-aminobutane-1-sulfonate, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and solvates thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it is~~ formulated for use in therapy.

3. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition, characterized in that it comprises a compound according to claim 1, and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (New) A compound according to claim 1, which is

~~-4,4'-dithiobis(sodium 3-aminobutane-1-sulfonate)~~ bis chlorhydrate; or

-4,4'-dithiobis (2,2 dimethylpropyl)-3-aminobutane-1-sulfonate)bis trifluoroacetate.

6. (New) A pharmaceutical composition, characterized in that it comprises a compound according to claim 5, and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

7. (New) A method of treating arterial hypertension and directly or indirectly related disease, which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

8. (New) A method of treating arterial hypertension and directly or indirectly related disease, which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a compound according to claim 5.